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THE HAGUE, BRUSSELS

MY TELNO 276: EUROPEAN COUNCIL: GERMAN VIEWS

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF TELTSCHIK (TYPICALLY, JUST OFF TO DALLAS FOR A GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY MEETING) HARTMANN IN THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT THE FOLLOWING WERE KOHL'S RESPONSES TO THE POINTS WHICH I MADE ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S BEHALF ON 26 MARCH:

(A) IMPS: KOHL WOULD PREFER TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT CAME OUT OF TODAY'S MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. BUT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN BRUSSELS BEFORE THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL BEGAN.

(B) ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION: THE PRIME MINISTER'S PAPER DID NOT CREATE ANY OBJECTIONS OF PRINCIPLE FOR THE FRG. THE MINISTRIES OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS HAD BEEN ASKED TO COMMENT URGENTLY. THE SOCIAL SIDE HAD PERHAPS BEEN A BIT OVERDONE FOR THE GERMAN TASTE. BUT THE BRITISH DRAFT WAS MORE LIKELY TO BE A PROBLEM FOR OTHERS AT BRUSSELS THAN FOR CHANCELLOR KOHL.

2. COMMENT. ON IMPS, KOHL HAS STOPPED WELL SHORT OF ACCEPTING THE DILATERAL TACTICAL ALLIANCE WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER OFFERED HIM. BUT I THINK HE MIGHT STILL BITE ON THIS IF HE COULD BE TOLD ON THE EVE OF BATTLE WHAT OUR PRECISE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN IS, AND THE FIGURE ON WHICH WE ARE RESLOVED TO STICK. ON THE OTHER POINT, KOHL NO DOUBT HAS HIS RELATIONS WITH MITTERRAND IN MIND: BUT THE STANCE OF THE CDU, AS SHOWN BY ITS PARTY CONFERENCE LAST WEEK, IS CURRENTLY INTERVENTIONIST AND NEO-KEYNSIAN.

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